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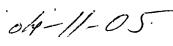
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## REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 11, 2005, concerning the above-identified patent Application.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this document.

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## **REPLY AND AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is a Reply and Amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Reply and Amendment Under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (8 pages).
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
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Total Claims:	34	-	34	=	0	х	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
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[ ] The Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION	\$0.00	
[ ] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER	\$0.00	
[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtra	\$0.00	
	TOTAL FEE:	\$0.00

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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